

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1-5, 9, 10, and 13-22 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 6-8, 11 and 12, and add new Claims 23 and 24 to read as follows.

Claims 1-5 (cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) An ink jet printing apparatus ~~according to Claim 5, that prints on a print medium by causing a printing section including color nozzle rows corresponding to a plurality of four or more colors to carry out a main scan in a main scanning direction, while causing said printing section to eject ink onto the print medium,~~
wherein a nozzle row for a first ink color and a nozzle row for a second ink color are arranged at opposite ends of said printing section in the main scanning direction, a hue difference between the first and second ink colors being the greatest among the plurality of colors,

wherein said nozzle rows of said printing section include a nozzle row for cyan ink, a nozzle row for black ink, a nozzle row for yellow ink, and a nozzle row for magenta ink, and said nozzle row for the first ink color is the nozzle row for cyan ink, and said nozzle row for the second ink color is the nozzle row for magenta ink, and

wherein in the main scanning direction, the color nozzle rows of said printing section are arranged in the order of the nozzle row for cyan ink, the nozzle row for black ink, the nozzle row for yellow ink, and the nozzle row for magenta ink.

7. (Currently amended) An ink jet printing apparatus ~~according to Claim 1,~~ that prints on a print medium by causing a printing section including color nozzle rows corresponding to a plurality of four or more colors to carry out a main scan in a main scanning direction, while causing said printing section to eject ink onto the print medium,
wherein a nozzle row for a first ink color and a nozzle row for a second ink color are arranged at opposite ends of said printing section in the main scanning direction,
a hue difference between the first and second ink colors being the greatest among the plurality of colors,

wherein said nozzle rows of said printing section include a nozzle row for cyan ink, a nozzle row for light cyan ink, a nozzle row for black ink, a nozzle row for yellow ink, a nozzle row for light magenta ink, and a nozzle row for magenta ink, and
wherein said nozzle row for the first ink color is the nozzle row for cyan ink, and said nozzle row for the second ink color is the nozzle row for magenta ink.

8. (Currently amended) An ink jet printing apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein in the main scanning direction, ~~the said~~ color nozzle rows of said printing section are arranged in the order of the nozzle row for cyan ink, the nozzle row for light

cyan ink, the nozzle row for black ink, the nozzle row for yellow ink, the nozzle row for light magenta ink, and the nozzle row for magenta ink.

Claims 9 and 10 (cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) An ink jet printing apparatus according to Claim 1 ~~6~~, wherein when a secondary color dot is formed on ~~said~~ the print medium by ejecting ink during both a forward main scan of said printing section and a backward main scan of said printing section, an ink overlapping order is different between the printing in ~~said~~ the forward main scan and the printing in ~~said~~ the backward main scan.

12. (Currently amended) An ink jet printing apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein when ~~said~~ the secondary color is formed, time elapsing until an ink droplet of one of the two colors impacts an ink dot formed by a previously ejected ink droplet of the other color impacting the print medium is longest for a combination of ~~said~~ the first ink color and ~~said~~ the second ink color.

Claims 13-22 (cancelled)

23. (New) An ink jet printing apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein when a secondary color dot is formed on the print medium by ejecting ink during both a forward main scan of said printing section and a backward main scan of said printing

section, an ink overlapping order is different between the printing in the forward main scan and the printing in the backward main scan.

24. (New) An ink jet printing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein when the secondary color is formed, time elapsing until an ink droplet of one of the two colors impacts an ink dot formed by a previously ejected ink droplet of the other color impacting the print medium is longest for a combination of the first ink color and the second ink color.